## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the present amendments and following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 26, 27, 30, 31, 34 and 35 are pending. By this Amendment, Claim 26 is amended. No new matter is added by any of these amendments.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during the July 20 telephone conference. The substance of the discussions held are incorporated into the previous amendments and following remarks and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

The Office Action rejects Claims 26 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Claim 26 is amended to obviate this rejection.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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